



# Chieftain

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# Most ICC fall in-person classes to end prior to Thanksgiving break

*Staff Reports*

Most of Itawamba Community College's in-person classes will conclude for the 2021 fall semester prior to the Thanksgiving break.

Depending on the discipline, some face-to-face classes could require work to be submitted electronically after the break.

In addition, some allied health and career education students could continue face-to-face classes, laboratories and clinicals through mid-December based on the curriculum for individual programs.

"Since we began the fall semester, it has brought me great joy to have our locations filled with students once again," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

"There is nothing more exciting than the sight and sounds of our students in classes and interacting with each other! While we had to enact a mask mandate, our ICC family has worked together to comply with the in-building requirement and continues to help ensure the safety of each other and the communities we serve. Greatly reducing the number of students on campus after the holiday will greatly reduce the quarantining of students with such a limited window before final exams."



**ICC President Jay Allen speaks with students in Rob Francis's class.**

According to the revised calendar, final exams for traditional full-term day classes are scheduled for Nov. 17-19, and the Thanksgiving break will begin Nov. 22.

Offices will remain open Nov. 29-Dec. 16. Hours will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Food service operations will continue on campus, and housing will remain open and available for students if necessary for them to complete the semester.

"This alteration to our instructional calendar should not cause a burden on our students," Allen emphasized. "Faculty members will work to ensure that our students successfully navigate the completion of the semester."



**Members of the 2021 Itawamba Community College Homecoming Court include, front, from left, Tupelo Campus Sophomore Maid Lexie Kent of New Albany; Tupelo Campus Sophomore Maid Grace Beck of Guntown; Queen Bricelyn Morris of Nettleton; Fulton Campus Sophomore Haley Dean of Saltillo; Fulton Campus Sophomore Maid Emma Cate Sparks of Saltillo; back, Tupelo Campus Freshman Maid Skylar Breland of Ripley; Tupelo Campus Freshman Maid Brooklyn O'Connor of Aberdeen; Fulton Campus Freshman Maid Emma Grace Allen of Fulton; and Fulton Campus Freshman Maid Zoe Bigham of Philadelphia. The court will be recognized during halftime of the ICC/Jones College football game, which begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field. -** ***Photo by CJ. Adams***

## HOMECOMING 2021

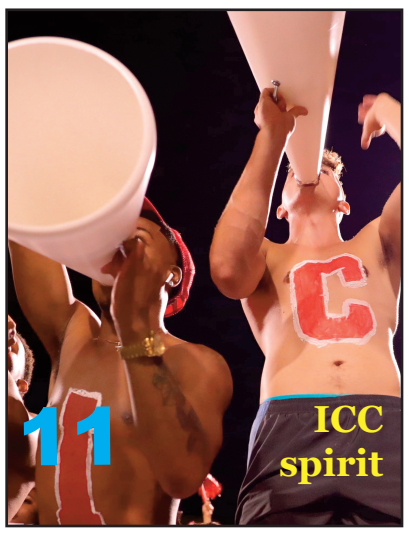
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VIEWPOINT

CHLOE EVANS
*Staff Writer*

# *My view... from quarantine*

As my sophomore year begins, I find myself - not on campus - but at home.

It is ICC policy that if a student is identified as a close contact of an infected person, the student will self-quarantine. Therefore, I will be spending next week at my childhood hone.

It is important for me to maintain a positive attitude despite not being around my fellow students and taking part in events.

For me to stay positive, I have found ways to keep my spirits up.



1. Recognizing the opportunity...Although being quarantined can become lonely when away from friends, I have found comfort in seeing my family. As a dorm resident, I have not been able to see the changes that are happening at home. When arriving home from campus, I noticed my mother has been trying out some new decorations all around the house. Since I have left home, my mother has created a "craft room" where she makes DIY (Do It Yourself) crafts and decorations. My father has set up an entire shooting range in our backyard. My sister got a dog, and my newborn nephew has grown twice his size from two weeks ago. Being home has reconnected me to my family, and I love to see their new lives.

2. Enjoying the break...When I received notice that I was going to be sent home, I became overwhelmed with the idea of missing events that I was working for Indian Delegation, being behind on choreography for Indianettes, having to ZOOM classmates for group projects, etc. Once I began to accomplish my assignments and talk to fellow students, I realized that my adjustment was met with such support and understanding. All of my anxiety was soothed by the reassuring voices of those around me. Now, I can appreciate the calmness of being off campus. When living in the dorm, it is easy to get wrapped up in the fast-paced, always busy rhythm. At home, I have peace to get assignments done, go for a walk or watch a movie.

With this new normal, it is easy to become discouraged and envious of the past. I know that for many this pandemic has only brought loss, heartbreak and negativity.

I choose to believe that every day is a new opportunity to smile and share joy.

Students, if you are sent home to be quarantined, try to look on the bright side and find a way to make yourself and someone else smile. And, when you are back in the "busyness" of life and school, remember that time.

# Letters
## TO THE EDITOR

The *Chieftain* will print
letters to the editor
or guest commentaries.
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**OPINION POLL**

## *What do you think...*

***"How is COVID affecting you or has affected you?"***

**Moses Hall**
**Sophomore**
**Tupelo**
*"Well actually, my sister had contracted COVID in Florida, and we just buried her last week."*

**Yusuf Jackson**
**Freshman**
**Pontotoc**
*"I've had two grandparents pass away because of COVID, and I haven't really been able to travel like how I wanted to."*

**Claire Coker**
**Sophomore**
**Smithville**
*"Probably from learning in the classroom. I'm a transfer from Blue Mountain and last semester we had hybrid classes, and that was not a good time for me...Well, actually everybody in my house got it (COVID) except for me."*

**Donovan Hamelett**
**Freshman**
**Okolona**
*"It hasn't affected me as of now but it did in high school. We would have to do mostly online classes in high school, but it hasn't affected me as much as it has others."*

**Weston Johnson**
**Freshman**
**Tupelo**
*"I have had an uncle pass away and that hit me really hard. Not being able to be around my friends and family has been rough, too."*

**Amanda Thompson**
**Freshman**
**Tupelo**
*"It's not really affecting me, but it's affecting people around me. People are not able to do things they want to do normally."*

**Daisha Moore**
**Freshman**
**Tupelo**
*"It has affected me. It was not good. It has made my life difficult but not affected my family."*

**AUSTIN MOONEYHAM**

VIEWPOINT

DONNA THOMAS
*Adviser*

# Urgent... Help wanted!

Every time I go through a drive-thru, there is a sign out front advertising for workers.

And, as I wind around to the speaker, there are more signs.

Sometimes the wait to get my food is long because there aren't enough workers to fill my order.

I approach the window, and the person who assists me looks tired, and it's only 8:30 a.m.

It's difficult to run a business or any operation without assistance.

Some close at lunch because they are short-staffed. Others close for days.

This newspaper is "afflicted" by the same issues. After numerous "calls" for staff writers with no success, we have started this semester and this college year with only three reporters.

One of them expects to complete work at ICC at the end of the semester.

And then there are two.

Writing for the Chieftain doesn't require any experience. All you have to do is write ONE article for each issue, and you have at least two weeks.

Staff members are required to sign in at the Community Relations Department twice each week, or those at the Tupelo Campus, via email.

And, those who qualify can receive scholarship money. With successful completion of a semester, you will earn one hour of nontransferable credit.

You'll have your name above the story that you write, and it's great documentation of your communication skills when you seek a job after college.

All issues are now online only, and no subscription is necessary. So, all of your family and friends can see your work and share our pride in you for a "job well done!"

It appears that it's the same situation for the need for student workers at ICC.

Many emails and postings have advertised several vacancies for students to assist in various areas of the College.

Not only will it provide an opportunity for you, as students to learn more about ICC, the place you now call home, but it is an opportunity, once again, to add to or enhance your job skills, which will be significant as you explore careers.

It's possible that working in one of these positions at ICC could change your mind about or reinforce your selection of a major.

You never know what opportunities could await as a member of the Chieftain staff, student worker in a college office or other area or just getting involved in clubs and organizations.

You can meet new people, learn new skills or add to your résumé for after college.

Please don't wait...Many of us need your assistance today!

## Chieftain staff needed!

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# FYI
## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

## ICC schedules MAN UP sessions

ICC has scheduled multiple MAN UP workshops this fall.

They include

**September 29 - Making Moves: Disciplined Decisions and Handling Distractions** - Presented by Sgt. Michael Bowens of the Tupelo Police Department and ICC Campus Police, the workshop will focus on handling distractions and staying focused and disciplined. Participants will learn how to make moves that keep them moving toward success.

**October 19 - Shaping Your Future and Finances** - Hozay Housley will discuss how individuals' backgrounds can be a steppingstone to a great future. The ICC graduate will tell his inspirational story about how he became a banking executive, and participants can learn some basics of financial planning.

**November 2 - Career Planning and Professional Development** - WIOA Youth Career Coach Irijah Kinard will present the session that will focus on planning to reach individual goals.

**November 16 - Wellness: Take Care of You from the Inside Out** - Staff Sergeant Brian Moore will discuss how being well is more than exercise. Participants will learn some ways of thinking and being in addition to physical activity that can redefine individual wellness.

All workshops are from 12:10-1 p.m. in room 110 of the John S. Crubaugh Technical Education Building.

The Minority Achievement Network for Upward Progression (MAN UP) program provides support services designed to assist minority male students in making academic, career and personal decisions. it promotes academic success, retention and graduation of minority male students through mentoring activities, tutoring and other support programs that encourage academic excellence, self-esteem and personal growth of participating students.

For more information, contact Dr. Anisi Daniels at aedaniels@iccms.edu or Dr. Emily Tucker at ectucker@iccms.edu.

## Food Service Pathway to begin Sept. 27 at Belden

Itawamba Community College has scheduled a Food Service Pathway class at the Belden Center beginning Sept. 27.

Classes will meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through Oct. 22.

The program includes Serve Safe® Food Manager Certification, Serve Safe® Alcohol Certification, CPR, certificate of completion, proper food handling standards, kitchen safety practices, culinary techniques, interview skills and résumé building, money handling and front of the house and back of the house operations. Tuition assistance may be available for qualified applicants.

For more information or to register, contact program director Christy Scheuer at acscheuer@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1505; or pathway coordinator Josh Gammill at jegammill@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1569.



**Itawamba Community College instructor Ashley Brown resumes instruction in his classroom/lab at the Belden Center following deployment to Kuwait.**

# *ICC instructor returns from Kuwait*
# Welcome home, Ashley Brown!

*Staff Reports*

Service is an important word to Itawamba Community College instructor Ashley Brown of Blue Springs.

Fresh off a nine-month deployment to Kuwait, Brown has returned to the classroom this fall as an industrial maintenance, robotics and electrical technology instructor at the Belden Center. He is now in a different kind of service.

### LOOKING AHEAD AND BACK

He is responsible for recruiting students; building and maintaining the curriculum; ensuring students achieve the skills necessary to be functional, entry-level employees in related career fields;maintaining relationships with industry and prospective employers and linking them.

That's a long way from what Major Brown was doing in western Asia, where he was the logistics officer for a rotary aviation maintenance unit.

Brown has been in the military for more than 17 years, beginning as an enlisted private. He has served as an armor crewman in an M1A1 Abrams tank, a calvary scout, completed a 12-month deployment to Iraq and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. After six years of enlisted time, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and became a calvary officer, serving as a platoon leader, troop executive officer and commander.While Brown was in the command position, his unit was deployed for nine months to Syria and Kuwait.

Today, Brown teaches in an air-conditioned and heated classroom, depending on the season. His typical hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Most days consist of teaching three-to-four three-credit hour courses, maintaining laboratory equipment, periodic student advising and communicating with industry contacts.

Brown, who earned his associate's degree in robotics/automated systems from ICC, became an instructor following a more than 10-year career in industry as a maintenance technician and manufacturing engineer. He also has a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Excelsior College.

### COMING TO ICC

"After several years working in industry, I had returned to ICC taking courses in Tool and Die Technology," Brown said. "During this time Mr. (Barry) Emison suggested that I apply for an instructor position with the Workforce department. I was fortunate enough to be hired. A year later the CTE Division opened the Industrial Maintenance Technology program, and I had the honor of being selected as the instructor."

Brown said that what he notices most about how ICC has changed since he was enrolled is that "student access to financial assistance and internship opportunities with local employers has increased drastically."

He says his ICC job provides an opportunity to assist others in improving their careers and lives, which can be translated into service. Brown also likes that he has a work schedule that allows optimal amounts of time with his family, which includes his wife, Mandee, and children Zander, Hope, Gunner and Wyatt, who in 2018 represented him as an honorary captain on the field prior to a football game during his previous deployment.

Brown also said a positive of his job is the ability to consistently research and experience new technology and practices that are at the forefront of his field.

At ICC, he has been awarded two of its most prestigious honors, Lamplighter 2013 and Meritorious Achievement, 2017.

### LEARNING FROM COVID

He said he's learned a lot from the impact of COVID. "It has required us to deliver most of our course content through online methods. Unfortunately, this career field requires a number of learned, hands-on skills that are difficult to attain when unable to work in a laboratory environment. We must continue to research and develop methods of teaching and reinforcement that can be used during COVID-type scenarios."

When he's not in the classroom or deployed, Brown is boating or hunting. He is also a member of the American Legion, Armor and Cavalry Officers' Association and Carey Springs Baptist Church.

Whether he's in Syria, Kuwait or Belden, Mississippi, Ashley Brown is involved in service...to his country or to the students he shapes for new beginnings and new careers. And, ICC students whose lives he touches have the benefit of what he learned when he was pursuing a degree, "the value of attaining and keeping a competitive edge in your career field."

Welcome home, Ashley Brown!






## *In a COVID world*

**The Delta Health Alliance mobile unit was on the Fulton Campus to provide vaccines last week and ICC nursing student Grace Gray taught Early Childhood Learning Center students about germs.**

# FYI

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

## Adult education classes begin in ICC district

*Staff Reports*

Registration is ongoing for adult education classes, which are offered at several locations in the ICC district.

The schedule includes

**Chickasaw County** - Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., WIN Job Center (South Monroe St., Houston);

**Itawamba County** - Monday and Tuesday, 4-7 p.m., Old Grammar School (603 South Cummings St., Fulton);

**Lee County** - Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Belden Center, 3200 Adams Farm Rd., Belden);

**Monroe County** - Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., WIN Job Center (1619 Highway 25 No., Amory); and

**Pontotoc County** - Monday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., WIN Job Center (306 Coffee Street, Pontotoc).

**English as a Second Language** classes meet at the ICC Belden Center Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the classes.

GED and HiSET testing is continuing on a weekly basis, and all program-enrolled students take the GED or HiSET free of charge. For more information on scheduling an appointment, contact Priscilla Trice at pbtrice@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1513.

For general information about classes or the program, call Angeelas Shannon at (662) 407-1517 or email amshannon@iccms.edu or Linzy Patterson at (662) 407-1512 or email lfpatterson@iccms.edu.

## ICC offers ACT prep classes

*Staff Reports*

ICC's Continuing Education Department has scheduled several sessions for Preparing for the ACT. All meet on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the ICC Belden Center.

Math and science sessions include Oct. 16 and Dec. 4. English and reading are offered Oct. 2 and Nov. 20.

ICC's ACT prep instructors use intensive classroom review procedures in English, reading, science reasoning and math that focus on strategies for improving scores by three methods: review of all concepts tested, tips for overcoming test anxiety and guides for "studying smart" that will help improve test-day performance. Instructors effectively communicate techniques to help students perform with confidence. Pre-test and post-test full-length ACT practice tests are administered to measure performance. Extensive handouts are provided for skill practice.

The cost is $50 per session.

Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, call (662) 407-1500.

## Gateway program registration continues

*Staff Reports*

Registration is continuing for ICC's Gateway program.

The program is designed for individuals who are between the ages of 16-24, do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, want career coaching and are serious about exploring employment opportunities. In addition, those who have a high school diploma may qualify if they have another type of barrier.

Open enrollment for classes in the one-week program begins Mondays at 9 a.m. at the ICC Belden Center.

According to WIOA Youth Coordinator Sanders Bell, students can start on Monday and possibly have a job by Friday. For more information, call (662) 407-1207.



**Campus Police Chief Jason Dickinson returned to ICC July 1, 28 years after he first enrolled as a student.**

# *Dickinson returns to alma mater after 28 years to become Police Chief*

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College alumnus Jason Dickinson of Mantachie has returned to his alma mater to become Campus Police Chief 28 years after he first enrolled as a student.

### NEW JOB

On July 1, Dickinson started his new job after spending 23 years working patrol and investigating.

Dickinson said he applied because he wants to make a difference in the young lives of the students. Although he has never worked in the college environment, he wants to help or keep them on the right path and explain to them what a bad decision can bring.

### AS A STUDENT

Dickinson earned two associate's degrees from ICC, one in agribusiness and the other, in Law Enforcement Technology. "My first stint as a student was in 1993, and it was an adjustment straight out of a small high school. The best part was I met my wife of 25 years now in music appreciation class."

Dickinson's second time as a student began in 2015, when he enrolled to obtain a law enforcement degree. He was working full-time as an investigator with the Itawamba County Sheriff's Department. He enrolled in online classes as a full-time student and had to take only the law enforcement classes since the academics from his first degree applied.

Dickinson has received numerous honors during his career in law enforcement, including the youngest Chief of Police (Mantachie) in 1998-99. In addition, his career has included serving as Patrol Sgt. for the Baldwyn Police Department and Chief Investigator for the Itawamba County Sheriff's office. Dickinson has earned the full-time Law Enforcement Certificate and every state teaching certificate. He is a National Certified Active Shooter instructor, State-certified Investigator and SWAT Operator. He also has an NRA instructor license.

### MORE THAN A JOB

Dickinson, who has always wanted to serve the public in some way, said that his job as ICC's Chief of Police is an honor, and he takes very seriously the safety of everyone on campus, both members of ICC's family and guests. "Being able to connect with the student body is important as well," Dickinson said. "I want them to understand that I am here to help them in any way possible. I also want to discuss today's issues and understand from both sides of law enforcement." Furthermore, I want to be able to walk around campus and have the faculty, staff and students see a positive role model with whom they feel safe and comfortable."

He said that although his hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Dickinson arrives at the office around 7:30, responds to emails and takes an early patrol around the Fulton Campus "to see what is going on." He said he is constantly looking for ways to improve both himself and the department. "We have great officers and support personnel on staff, and they have helped my transition into the role as Chief easier."

### HIS VISION

ICC's new Campus Police Chief said that although change is good, "I am not going to come in and change everything at once. You will see a new uniform scheme that will be put in place to help the officers stand out in the public and for better identification. I have what I call a 'toolbox.' I will bring in ideas from all over to see what best fits the needs of ICC's Campus Police."

Dickinson, who currently supervises approximately 15 officers, said that he plans to hire more to provide better coverage for all three locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, and maintain a constant presence.

He emphasized that the safety of ICC will always be the top priority of Campus Police. "Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of everyone we meet because the students are why we are all here."

### WHAT'S HE LIKE

Dickinson said that he sees himself as a "people person. I always want to leave everything on a happy note. I understand that is not always the case. I will bend, but won't break."

As far as relaxing, Dickinson likes to fish and hunt. "I grew up on a farm, so anytime I can run heavy equipment, I really enjoy doing that. I love running my dozer, excavator, backhoe and tractor. When I'm on that heavy equipment, it gives me time to relax and, in some cases, work out frustrations by pushing over trees and stumps."

Dickinson is a member of the East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo, and his law enforcement-related involvement includes the Southern Police Benevolent Association and the National Rifle Association.

Dickinson and his wife, Amanda, who is an adult education instructor at the Belden Center, have two children, Lexie, a recent ICC graduate, and current ICC sophomore, Jacie. "As a parent of an ICC student," Dickinson said, "I understand the feeling of letting your child go away from home for the first time. I know the worries they face. I want them to understand that I see every student as my own child. I am willing to help them in any way. I understand that parents might be hours away from their child and just have to lie down at night and not worry. I get it, and I understand. I will not be able to be everywhere at the same time, but I want them to know I will make sure my officers and support staff have their best interests at heart."

ICC...
#betterthanever

# Meeting Room

## CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

### FULTON CAMPUS

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| Archery Club | Scott Milam | 862.8412 |
| Art Club | Shawn Whittington | 862.8301 |
| Bass Club | Ethan Cruse | 862.8233 |
| *Chieftain* | Donna Thomas | 862.8244 |
| Comm. Chiefs | Jessi Stevenson | 862.8308 |
| Computer Club | Bradley Howard | 620.5329 |
| Disc Golf | discgolf@iccms.edu | |
| Educators Rising | Chris Cox | 862.8181 |
| | Bobby Jarrell | 862.8183 |
| Fashion Tribe | Taylor Tutor | 862.8281 |
| | C.J. Adams | 862.8074 |
| Forestry Club | Emily Loden Jones | 862.8147 |
| ICC Films | Morgan Cutturini | 862.8167 |
| ICC Honors College | Robin Lowe | 862.8166 |
| | Heather McCormick | 862.8191 |
| ICC Orient. Leaders | Dr. Melissa Haab | 862.8051 |
| | Jake Hartfield | 862.8051 |
| Indian Delegation | Jake Hartfield | 862.8051 |
| | Makaela Dickerson | 862.8252 |
| *Mirror* | C.J. Adams | 862.8074 |
| Modern Language | Anna Begnaud | 862.8292 |
| Phi Theta Kappa | Robin Lowe | 862.8166 |
| | Bradley Howard | 620,5329 |
| | Jay Humphries | 862.8381 |
| Political Science | Chris Stevenson | 862.8169 |
| | Megan Eidt | 620.5044 |
| Science Club | Dr. Jada Mills | 862.8369 |
| | Lindsey Patterson | 862.8359 |
| Sigma Kappa Delta | Keith Morris | 862.8326 |
| | Anna Begnaud | 862.8292 |
| | Jenny Bowers | 620.5112 |
| | Dr. Ashley Lancaster | 862.8326 |
| | Nathan Ward | 862.8164 |
| Social Media Amb. | Maggie Caldwell | 862.8241 |
| Student Gov. Assn. | Dr. Chad Case | 862.8232 |
| | Dr. Brad Boggs | 862.8271 |
| | Jake Hartfield | 862.8428 |
| Travel Tribe | Jessi Stevenson | 862.8308 |
| | Dr. Edana Nail | 862.8056 |
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| Archery Club | Scott Milam | 862.8412 |
| Bass Club | Ethan Cruse | 862.8233 |
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| | Dr. Delena Hukle | 620.5163 |
| | Cindy Layman | 620.5116 |
| | Doris McCreary | 620.5117 |
| Future Rad. Tech. | Dr. Paul Crum | 620.5233 |
| Future Resp. Ther. | Adam Denton | 620.5238 |
| Indian Delegation | Michael Holloway | 620.5278 |
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| | Dr. Tamar Lucas | 620.5218 |
| | Dr. Lauren Asters | 620.5208 |
| NCF | Linda Bond | 620.5210 |
| OTA | Dee Dee Lomenick | 620.5026 |
| Phi Theta Kappa | Jenny Bowers | 620.5045 |
| | Dr. Delena Hukle | 620.5163 |
| | Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones | 620.5043 |
| Student Gov. Assn. | Cynthia Adams | 620.5305 |
| | Jake Hartfield | 862.8428 |
| SHIMA | Donna Vaughn | 620.5123 |
| Student PTA Club | Dr. Cheryl Ware | 620.5025 |
| Travel Tribe | Jessi Stevenson | 862.8308 |
| | Dr. Edana Nail | 862.8056 |
| | Chris Stevenson | 862.8169 |

### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

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***For more information on ICC clubs and organizations, www.iccms.edu.***

## ICC students elect SGA representatives

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College students have elected representatives for the Student Government Association for 2021-22.

They include

**Fulton Campus** – Emory Reinhard of Mantachie, Itawamba County Representative; Jacob Clinton of Guntown, Lee County Representative; Eli Hathcote of Smithville Monroe County Representative; Laura Kelley of Belden, Pontotoc County Representative; Holly Carrington of Southaven and Chloe Evans of Plantersville, At-Large Representatives; and

**Tupelo Campus** – Jamarious Salters of Tupelo, Lee County Representative; Kiara Clay of Aberdeen, Monroe County Representative; and Amari Jamison of Tupelo and Nijah McMillian of Shannon, At-Large Representatives.

They join officers who were elected last spring, including Fulton – Haley Dean of Saltillo, president; Emma Cate Sparks of Saltillo, vice president; Kiley Smith of Woodland, secretary; Zhakira Carter of Pontotoc, Fulton treasurer; and Tupelo – Makenzie Hamilton of Ecru, president; Hannah Dean of Houston, vice president; Nossiah Algamal of Ecru, secretary; and Richard Stone of Tupelo, treasurer.





## Residence Halls open with meet-greets

### Pontotoc Hall & Sheffield Hall





## PTK plans activities

**LEXI BLACK**

*Staff Writer*

If you are an ICC honor student, Phi Theta Kappa could be the organization just for you.

PTK is an official honor society for students who want to learn about leadership skills and community-wide volunteering. This year, it's Honors in Action project will help create a clean and safe environment, like recycling aluminum cans in order to better th community.

Contact sponsor Robin Lowe said that the members not only grow from what they give back to the community, but achieve scholarships for their hard work and dedication. PTK also offers scholarship and transfer opportunities to those who become a member and have successfully joined.

Lowe said that students not only achieve by becoming a part of something amazing, but they learn what leadership and volunteering is all about in the process. ICC students who want to join PTK can also be a part of the ICC Honors College, which is optional but not required. Last spring, the members began work on the Honors in Action project involving ecotourism, and it affects the world globally and economically. It helped the Honor Society in receiving a $1,000 grant from PTK and the Mellon Foundation to help them in their project.

Students who want to become a member must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have completed 12 academic hours. Membership invitations are sent by Lowe for the Fulton Campus and Jenny Bowers for the Tupelo Campus (Beta Tau Sigma). Sign-up for orientation sessions is done through the student's myTribe account.

The Upsilon Sigma Chapter meets the last Monday of each month in Boggs Humanities Building room 110 from 12:10-12:35 p.m. Meetings this semester, however, will be conducted on ZOOM.

Additional opportunities for members include community volunteering and possibly becoming an officer, Lowe said.

Each officer plays a role to contribute to the success of the chapters, Lowe said.

# Want
## To Know More?

### FULTON CAMPUS

| Information on | Contact |
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| Academic Honors | Admissions |
| Activities Calendar | V.P. of Student Services |
| Admissions/Records | Admissions |
| Advanced Placement | V.P. of Instructional Services |
| Athletics | Athletic Director |
| Band | Band Director |
| Books/Supplies | Bookstore |
| Career Planning | Adviser/Advising Center |
| Car Registration Decals | Campus Police |
| Change of Adviser/Major | Advising Center |
| Change in Curriculum | Adviser/Student Affairs |
| Counseling | Student Affairs |
| Counseling (Personal) | V.P. of Student Services |
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| Examinations | Instructor |
| Faculty Office Hours | Instructor |
| Graduation Req. | Admissions |
| I.D. Cards | Student Affairs |
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| Library | Director of Libraries |
| Log-Ins/PINs | TIS Help Desk |
| Parking | Campus Police |
| Part-Time Jobs | Student Affairs |
| Placement Testing | Student Affairs |
| Publicity/Publications | Community Relations |
| Registration | Admissions |
| Schedule Changes | Adviser |
| Schedule Planning | Adviser |
| Scholarships | Financial Aid |
| Student Aid/Work Study | Financial Aid |
| Student Government | Coor. of Student Activities |
| Student Organizations | Sponsors |
| Summer School | Student Affairs |
| | V.P. of Instructional Services |
| Testing (Career) | Career Center |
| Transcripts | Admissions |
| Tuition, Fees, Deferrals | Business office |
| Use of Campus Property | V.P. of Student Services |
| Veterans Affairs | Financial Aid |

### TUPELO CAMPUS

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| Admissions/Records | Student Affairs |
| Advanced Placement Credit | VP, Instructional Services |
| Books and Supplies | Bookstore |
| Career Planning | Adviser/Career Center |
| Car Registration/Decals | Campus Police |
| Counseling | Student Affairs |
| Evaluation of Credits | Admissions |
| I.D. Cards | Student Affairs |
| Job Placement | Career Center |
| Library | Library |
| Log-Ins/PINs | TIS Help Desk |
| Parking | Campus Police |
| Registration/Early-Reg. | Student Affairs |
| Schedule Planning | Student Affairs |
| Scholarships | Financial Aid |
| Student Activities | Student Affairs |
| Student Aid | Financial Aid |
| Student Government | Coor. of Student Activities |
| Transcripts | Student Affairs |
| Tuition and Fees | Business office |
| Veterans Affairs | Financial Aid |

### BELDEN CENTER

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| Adult Ed./High School Equivalency | Linzy Patterson |
| Continuing Education | Debi Martin |
| WIOA | Brad Gates |
| Workforce | Barry Emison |

***Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.***

# ICC offers continuing education classes

*Staff Reports*

ICC will has posted its fall schedule of continuing education classes under the workforce section of ICC's website, www.iccms.edu.

The schedule includes certificate classes, hobbies and personal enjoyment, personal enrichment and pathways/short-term training.

Classes range from one day to several weeks, and most of them meet at the Belden Center.

For more information, contact Becky Kelly at rakelly@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1500.



**ICC students celebrate ICCs number one community college in the state ranking by WalletHub. They include front, from left, Carli Cole, Maclaine Griffith, Emory Rinehard, Haley Dean, Zhakira Carter, Kristin Ruple; back, Zakhia Taylor, John Bryant Stanford, Jacob Clinton, Will Buskirk, Kage Heberling and Leah Pennington.**

*First in state four years in a row*

# WalletHub study ranks ICC best

*Staff Reports*

ICC has again ranked first among all public two-year institutions in Mississippi in a recently-released WalletHub study that surveyed hundreds of community colleges in the United States.

In order to determine the best community colleges in the U.S., the financial institution selected a sample of 650 schools from the list of member institutions in the American Association of Community Colleges.

The schools were evaluated based on cost and financing and both education and career outcomes.

ICC was also ranked first in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

"For 70 plus years, providing affordable and accessible education has always been a significant component of Itawamba Community College's mission," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "National recognition of the College in this area is an indication that ICC is fulfilling that mission and serving our students, who are our top priority. Their success is our success."

According to WalletHub, cost is often a major consideration when choosing a college. "And with tuition rates continuing to rise every year - not to mention all of the other expenses related to attendance - many would-be students are unable to afford a university education. That's even more of a concern this year as lots of people deal with financial struggles caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Other than affordability, WalletHub says that community colleges have a number of attractive qualities, including more flexible schedules, smaller class sizes and rigorous coursework.

The average age of community college students is 28, and a vast majority of these students balance their studies with jobs, family or both, commitments that often limit their enrollment options. According to the latest information from the American Association of Community Colleges, 62 percent of all full-time and 72 percent of part-time students at community colleges work. Fifty nine percent of all students receive some type of financial aid.

ICC tuition has been consistently ranked among the lowest offered by Mississippi's 15 community colleges.

The study included the rankings for 12 Mississippi schools, listed in order by highest to lowest community college rankings in Mississippi: Itawamba Community College, Pearl River Community College, Hinds Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, East Central Community College, Coahoma Community College, Meridian Community College, Jones College, Holmes Community College and Mississippi Delta Community College.

# ICC's Allen named to AACC Board for three-year term

*Staff Reports*

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen has been named to the American Association of Community College Board of Directors for a three-year term.

He is one of two Mississippi community college presidents serving on the prestigious board, which acts on behalf of institutional members to create and maintain a vision for AACC, provide a national voice and advocacy for the community college mission and to determine and ensure that the organization adheres to appropriate standards of performance. A total of 32 presidents serve on the Board. Allen is an affiliate council representative and board member for the Community Colleges of Appalachia, which serves the common interests of colleges and their communities through programs and services responsive to the unique cultural, geographic and economic development challenges facing the region. Dr. Mary Graham of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is serving on the AACC Board as well.



**Dr. Jay Allen**

The AACC represents nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions and more than 12 million students.

Allen became the seventh president of ICC on July 1, 2017 after serving as president and chief executive officer of Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky since January 2014.

A native Mississippian, he served in several leadership positions at Hinds Community College and as a senior level administrator for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for a total of 25 years. He earned the associate's degree from Hinds, both bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and the doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

He and his wife, Belinda, have two daughters, Emma Grace and Mollianne.

# FYI

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

## ICC to host Community Tailgate

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College is seeking participants for its 2021 Community Tailgate, Oct. 14, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in front of Butch Lambert Stadium on the Fulton Campus.

Businesses, alumni, teams, families, offices, both community and student groups and organizations are invited to participate in the free opportunity, according to Nina Strother, director of marketing and community engagement at ICC.

The tailgates and food will be separate competitions, Strother said. Tailgate booths will be judged on atmosphere, creativity and spirit. Those who enter will have the opportunity to participate in the cook off or as a booth. The cook off will be divided into sweet and savory categories. Tailgate participants may submit one sweet and/or one savory dish to the Chief's Sweet and Savory Cook Off tent by 5 p.m., when judging will begin. Winners, which will be selected for both categories and an overall champion, will be announced at 5:45 p.m.

Participants must sign up by Oct. 8.

For more information, email njstrother@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8242.

## *Glow Run to benefit Travel Tribe*

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College's Travel Tribe is inviting faculty, staff, students and the surrounding community to GLAM up, lace up their running shoes and GLOW together in raising awareness for breast cancer research and money for its program.

The Ignite the Fight 5K will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 26, at the Fulton Campus Cypress Pavilion.

Awards will be given in multiple age divisions.

Those who preregister by the Oct. 15 deadline will receive a t-shirt. Packet pick up will be Oct. 25 from 2-4 p.m. or race day from 5-5:30 p.m.

The preregistration fee is $25 or race day, $30.

Ghost runners are also welcome.

Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/MS/Fulton/lightthe-way5kbreastcancerawareness. Forms and more information are also available at www.iccms.edu/travel.

## ICC schedules Fall Preview Days

*Staff Reports*

High school seniors will have an opportunity to learn about student life at ICC through Fall Preview Days, which have been scheduled for both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Dates include Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and 12 at the Fulton Campus and Oct. 22 at the Tupelo Campus.

Morning sessions begin with check in at 8 a.m. and close by 12:15 p.m. with optional campus and housing tours from 1-2:30 p.m. Afternoon sessions will begin with check in at 1 p.m. and close by 5:30 p.m. with housing and campus tours from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Preregistration at www.iccms.edu/PreviewDays is required, and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Per COVID-19 guidelines, registrants are allowed only one guest.

For more information, email Go2icc@iccms.edu.



**Dr. Jada Mills, ICC Natural Science Division chair and instructor and co-author of ICC's Full STEM Ahead: Promoting Pathways in STEM project, which was selected as one of the winning colleges in the American Association of Community Colleges' MentorLinks: Advancing Technological Education program, works with students in a lab at the Fulton Campus. - *Photo by C.J. Adams***

# ICC selected as recipient of $20,000 STEM grant from AACC MentorLinks

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College has been selected as one of the winning colleges in the American Association of Community Colleges' MentorLinks: Advancing Technological Education program.

Part of a national initiative supported by the National Science Foundation, the MentorLinks is an AACC member benefit.

"Itawamba Community College is extremely grateful to the AACC for the opportunity and awarding of this significant grant that will make a difference in the lives of many of our students who soon will be able to explore STEM areas," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "We expect this interest to translate into more majors and ultimately more graduates in these fields."

### PROJECT GOALS

The goals for ICC's project, entitled Full STEM Ahead: Promoting Pathways in STEM, include increase enrollment and retention in STEM courses and career education programs, increase the number of graduates in STEM fields and career education programs and to facilitate student transfer in STEM fields.

The two-year $20,000 grant for the period of October 1, 2021-November 30, 2023 will include salaries, benefits, travel, materials or resources and equipment.

### ACTIVITIES

The grant will enable ICC to utilize a mentor in establishing an Introduction to STEM Professions course, a STEM Club and a STEM Week. The two-hour course will explore opportunities and challenges in fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, information systems programming, information systems networking, mathematics, advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, industrial electricity, robotics and automation and welding. It will also explore conceptual tools used by scientists and engineering, describe STEM professions and professional challenges, explore basic concepts associated with various STEM professions and provide hands-on experience and practice from multidisciplinary fields. "One of the key goals of the course is to give students interested in STEM an opportunity to see the academic perspective of STEM as well as the career education perspective," said Bradley Howard, project director and computer science division chair. "In addition, the mentor will serve as a sounding board for the best way to implement and utilize the course, club and week to recruit students for these related programs. For example, a student may have an interest in engineering, but may be completely unaware that Precision Manufacturing and Machining is engineering and is an excellent career opportunity in the area."

The STEM Club, which will alternate meeting locations in Fulton, Tupelo and Belden, will connect students with an interest in STEM-related fields and will provide an opportunity for them to attend STEM-related forums, network with other students in similar fields of study, meet representatives from universities and local companies and discover and engage in new technology and community service, Howard said.

Each year, the STEM Week will be dedicated to introducing and recruiting students to ICC's academic and career education STEM-related fields. Each day will showcase a different career opportunity and will include speakers, industry partners and college recruiters. Field activities will spark interest in STEM.

### TO BEGIN NEXT FALL

The goal of the three components, all of which will begin in the fall of 2022, will be to foster enrollment and recruitment into STEM-related programs, increase the number of graduates in STEM fields and career education programs as well as to facilitate student transfer into STEM field, Howard said.

### BENEFIT TO ALL

"Thank you for providing leadership and vision to invest in STEM technician education and to commit to a mentoring relationship," said Ellen M. Hause, AACC Program Director for Academic and Student Affairs, in a notification letter. "The work of the MentorLinks project will benefit all AACC members. We anticipate that this will be a high-profile program. Key factors for success will be strong team building, shared resources, effective partnerships and good communication among colleges and with AACC. We look forward to working with Itawamba Community College on this important program."

### ADVISORY TEAM

In addition to Howard, the Project Advisory team includes Dr. Jada Mills, natural science division chair and Heather McCormick, mathematics division chair, who co-authored the grant proposal; and Bryan Hawkins, president of Hawkeye Industries. Dr. Michelle Sumerel, vice president of instructional services, will oversee the project, and Barry Emison, vice president of career and workforce education, will assist in coordination with promotion of the STEM career education programs.

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## HAPPENING
### MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

# Calliope submission deadline set for Nov. 11

*Staff Reports*

The submission deadline for poetry for The Calliope is 3 p.m., Nov. 11.




The Calliope is a journal of art and poetry.

According to sponsor Keith Morris, students can submit up to three poems in one single-spaced Microsoft Word document. They must include their name on each page. No previously published or simultaneous submissions will be accepted.

The top 10 poems will be selected for publication, Morris said.

To submit work or for more information, email jkmorris@iccms.edu and include calliope as the subject.

Shawn Whittington of the art faculty is the editor of Calliope, and Morris of the communications faculty, poetry editor.



# *ICC's paralegal program ranks second in nation*

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College's Paralegal Technology program has been ranked second in the nation by College Values Online.

ICC has been identified as having one of the top most affordable accredited online paralegal certificate programs, according to ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "The elite ranking is a testament to the innovative programs that ICC offers as we ensure that our students have the best start in their careers." The ranking considered tuition and return on investment.

College Values Online's mission is to provide assistance in selecting the best college for each individual situation by offering rankings of schools and various degree programs in addition to information on numerous career options from a value perspective. Its list of the top 20 affordable online accredited paralegal certificates began with certificate programs with costs under $13,000 (based on tuition reported to College Navigator). The programs were then ranked according to the quality of the program based on graduation rate and student-to-teacher ratio.

ICC offers two degrees in paralegal studies: an online Associate of Applied Science degree in Paralegal Technology and an Associate of Arts in general studies emphasis. The two-year degree in paralegal technology includes coursework in legal research, civil litigation and legal writing.

Coursework in wills and estates, family law, torts and real property introduces students to subsets of the legal field while providing information about legal principles and procedures, according to program director Jamie Hall. Students gain the analytical, communication, research and technical skills needed to work alongside legal professionals. The program also includes an internship during which students apply learned concepts.

ICC's online paralegal technology program prepares students for entry-level positions as paralegals and legal assistants in law firms, government agencies and businesses. Students can complete the 61-62 hour credit program in two years.



**Members of ICC's All-American Band perform during halftime of the ICC-Coahoma game last Thursday night at Eaton Field at the Fulton Campus.**

# ICC All-American Band selects 2021-22 members

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College has selected members of the All-American Band for 2021-22.

They include

**Aberdeen** – Kaya Baker, Eryn Dancy, McKenze Gates, Zaya Gonzalez-Oribe, Abby Huppert, Akalin McNairy, Lera Winders;

**Ackerman** – Kindal Gammill;

**Amory** – Jill Byars, Marley Edwards, Kyra Grimes, Gabby Hill, Collin Magill, Madeline Martin, Ryleigh Otts, Bradley Richardson, Brooke Roberts, Amiya Robinson, Mary Stafford, Ally Sullivan, Sarah Webb, Megan Wise, Alexis Bourland;

**Baldwyn** – Lilly McCully, Caleb Murrell, Jamecia Walker, Alex Williams;

**Bartlett, Tenn.** – Chloe Lewis;

**Belden** – Tyler Dancy, Aaliyah Jones;

**Bellefontaine** – Gavin Richardson;

**Belmont** – Kristin Ruple;

**Benton** – Andy Jones;

**Bruce** – Kodie O'Bannon;

**Byhalia** – Gaib VanNostrand;

**Collierville, Tenn.** – Hilary Little;

**Columbus** – Anna Hogan, Jeremia Jethroe, D.J. Sloan, Kelsi Little;

**Ecru** – Alyssa Pankow, Leslie Torres;

**Eupora** – Mark Pass;

**Falkner** – Bri Clark;

**Fulton** – Meg Basden, Victoria Bradley, Ashton Bryan, Emma Conner, Cheyenne Deakle, Brandon Harris, Destiny Holmes, Lauren Johnson, Laura Leigh Johnson, Jordan Laney, Brittany Stephens, Gracie Whitt, Cora Beth Brown, Preston Cox, Autumn McGuire;

**Greenwood Springs** – Michael Smith;

**Guin, Ala.** – Taylor Doss;

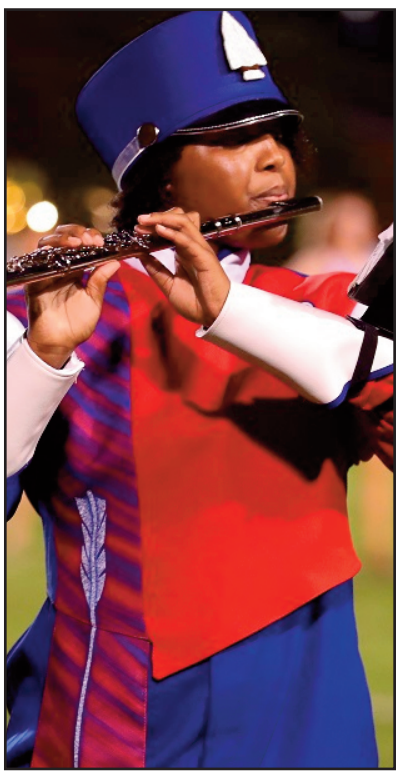
**Hamilton, Ala.** – Laken Cantrell;

**Hamilton** – Taya Baggett, Eric Bryan, Hannah Dickerson;

**Houlka** – Perla Diaz, Eliseo Fernandez;

**Houston** – Abbi Blansett, Alli Blansett, Sydney Freeman, Monte Swing, Pearson Taylor, Morgan Young;

**Lake Cormorant** – Clay Tyson;



**Mantachie** – Jacob Blaylock, Bailee Caples, Brandon Kemp, Mason Ruffin, Lindy Monts, Shelby Morrison;

**Marietta** – Alex Hidalgo, Holly Pace, Justin Sykes, Cheyanne Cassler;

**Millport, Ala.** – Sam Young, Luke Taylor;

**Mooreville** – Jared Brownlee, Hunter Fleming, Emma Worsham;

**Nettleton** – Jada Bell, Mallory Dabbs, Mickey Hood, Kyra King, Sara Knowles, Anna Langford, Sam Rowell;

**New Albany** – Victoria King, Eli Sizemore, Nydia Nesbit, Jayde Richardson;

**Okolona** – Jackie Lowe-Curtis, Ashton McIntosh, Madison McIntosh, Sabryn Moore, JaDarius Wilson;

**Olive Branch** – Cael Andrada, Lydia Walker;

**Oxford** – Landon Hitchcock, Alycia Hughes, Lindsay Lindsay, Kamecia Lloyd, Madeline Mulkey, Grayson Hitchcock;

**Pascagoula** – Trey Thomas;

**Plantersville** – Lanna Dozier, Chloe Evans, Gray Melendez;

**Pontotoc** – Lillian Angle, Allen Armstrong, Jeremiah Barrett, Juan Bautista, Celeste Clayton, Mikey Coleman, Michael Franklin, Anna Gregory, Tristen Hargrove, Callie Hill, Barrett Holton, Bailey Jones, Thomas Locastro, Timmy Locastro, Emily Lopez, Karen Lopez, Shayne Lowe, Rene Martinez, Willie Quinones, Dulce Ramirez, Yully Rocha, Rebecca Rodgers, Anna Sauerwein, Phebe Triplett, Bryan Valentin-Colon, Jatzary Vielmas, Anna Claire Warren, Elizabeth Willis, Max Wright, Aliycia Young;

**Randolph** – Nate Hawkins;

**Red Bay, Ala.** – Lexi Tabbs, Lily Wright;

**Ripley** – April Sotelo;

**Russellville, Ala.** – Mattee Berry, Zion Cooper;

**Saltillo** – Khloie Carter, Matthew Maggard, Emma Cate Sparks, Haley Tapp, Kaiba Thweatt;

**Shannon** – Allee McCoy, Lexi Young;

**Sherman** – Ajalauh Caldwell; Smithville – Robert Adams, Savannah Beck, Eli Hathcote;

**Starkville** – Tykez Daniels, Asia Tate;

**Sulligent, Ala.** – Abbey Mason;

**Taylor** – Jeff Wells;

**Thaxton** – Alayna Hyland, Ella Kate Nichols;

**Toccopola** – Taylor Britt;

**Tupelo** – Taliyah Billips, Bree Christian, Gavin Gann, Laken Hood, Serenity Jones, Chloe Lockridge, Jay Melton, Maddie Pounders, Taniya Roby, Haley Thompson, Daniel Torres, Elijah Traylor, Kendrick Vaughn, Dalton Williams, Jordyn Wilson;

**Tuscaloosa, Ala.** – Shanyia Roby;

**Vernon, Ala.** – Logan Woods, McKenzie Crosman, Kenna Stockman;

**Vicksburg** – Gracie James;

**Walls** – Ryan Young;

**West Point** – Brittni Moore;

**Woodland** – Maddy Fant and Christian Rimmer

# FYI

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

### JUST A REMINDER...

## Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

## Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

## Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

## No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

## Campus Police

**ICC-Belden...662.687.2752**
**ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750**
**ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751**

**For more information about ICC emergency procedures... www.iccms.edu**



## Good advice

**Lt. Col. Sheldon Morris of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, Military Deputy Director at the Center for the Army Profession and Leadership, ICC alumnus and former football player, shared information with MAN UP participants at the Fulton Campus last Monday. For upcoming programs, see page three.**

# Four ICC students named Leaders of Promise Scholars

*Staff Reports*

Four Itawamba Community College students have been selected among 207 Phi Theta Kappa members named 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars and will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

They include Harley Boone of Guntown, Ely Ward of Mooreville, Chloe Evans of Plantersville and Haley Dean of Saltillo.

"Itawamba Community College is extremely proud of these scholars who have attained this significant honor," said Robin Lowe, Phi Theta Kappa contact adviser. "The selection of four students is a record number for ICC,and it definitely is a reflection of the extraordinary students we have."

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential. More than 900 applications were received.

A total of $207,000 is awarded through the Leaders of Promise Scholarship program. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation provides $200,000 in funding for the scholarships, with $25,000 set aside for members who are veterans or active members of the United States military. The remaining amount is supported by donations to the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation and provides seven Global Leaders of Promise Scholarships, earmarked for international students.



**Harley Boone**



**Haley Dean**



**Chloe Evans**



**Ely Ward**

Boone, who is a business major, is the president of the Upsilon Sigma chapter of PTK, a member of the Honors College and a captain of ICC's cheerleading team. Her parents are Rusty and Rose Boone.

Dean is majoring in mechanical engineering at ICC, where she is vice president of scholarship for PTK, member of the Honors College, Baptist Student Union, Science Club and Indian Delegation, and Orientation Leader and SGA president. Dean is also a supplemental instructor and a student worker in the TIS Department. She is the daughter of Leslie and Gary Dean.

Evans is a communication major at ICC, where she is the vice president of leadership for PTK, secretary for the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society and a member of the Honors College, Indian Delegation, Indianette dance team and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Her honors include President's List. She is the daughter of Brad and Melissa Evans.

Ward is a member of the Indian Delegation, reporter for the MS/LA Region and local vice president of service for PTK and assists with ICC's food pantry. A mathematics major, he has been twice named to the President's List. He is the son of Nathan and Kelly Ward.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa to make it possible for more deserving students to achieve their educational goals and support tomorrow's leaders of the global community."

The funds provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation not only aid college completion, but also give students the opportunity to engage in Society programs and develop leadership skills to become future leaders in their communities.

PTK is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 10 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.

# *Phi Theta Kappa chapters elect 2021-22 officers*

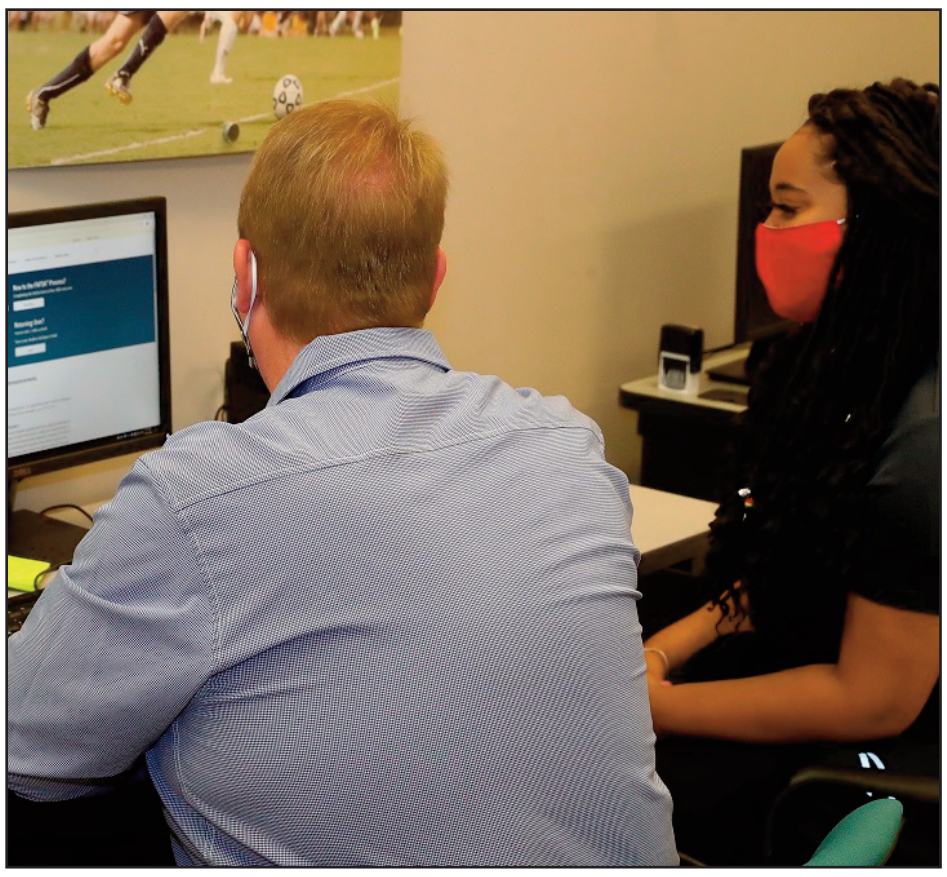
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*Staff Writer*

Both Itawamba Community College Phi Theta Kappa chapters have elected officers for 2021-22. They include

**Fulton Campus (Upsilon Sigma)** - Harley Boone, president; Kiley Smith, Haley Dean, vice president of scholarship; Carli Cole, vice president of service; Ely Ward, reporter for the MS/LA Region and vice president of service; Leah Pennington, Chloe Evans, vice president of leadership; Lanie McCaughey, vice president of communications/public relations; Matthew Wheeler, Jacob Clinton, vice president of membership; Eli Hathcote, Luke Jackson, vice president of fellowship; and

**Tupelo Campus (Beta Tau Sigma)** - Hannah Dean, president; Nossibah Algamal, vice president of service; and Claire Renee Blassingame, vice president of leadership.

***Needed...Chieftain staff members!!***



**Advising is a key component of the success rate of Itawamba Community College's graduates, whose transfer GPA ranks high, according to the Institutions of Higher Learning.**

# *ICC ranks high in graduation transfer GPA*

*Staff Reports*

Recent data from the Institutions of Higher Learning shows students who graduate from ICC and transfer to a university receive their degree with a grade point average above the state average. In addition, ICC graduates earn their college credentials with a higher GPA than students who begin their university studies during their freshman year.

The statistics also indicate that ICC ranks second in the state in producing more bachelor's degrees than any other community college, 12 short of first place, which is held by an institution that doubles our enrollment, said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

Students who began their college careers at ICC and transferred to a university graduated from there with an average GPA of 3.28. The average among all IHL graduates is 3.23.

ICC graduates finish with higher GPA than the average completion GPA of all Mississippi community colleges and institutions of higher learning," Allen said.

"ICC's priority is our students, and it is our mission to provide them with a quality educational foundation, no matter where their life journey takes them," Allen noted. "Not only do we prepare students to transfer to IHLs, but we provide the skills necessary for them to enter the workforce through our career education programs.

"When we review the statistics from 2021, ICC's GPA has continued to increase almost every year, which is significant," Allen emphasized.




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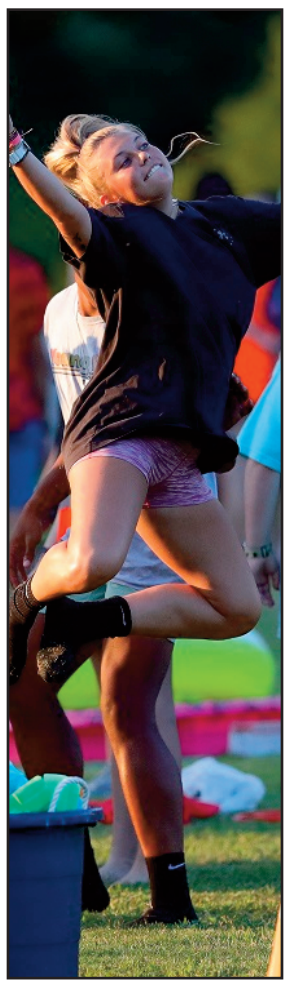
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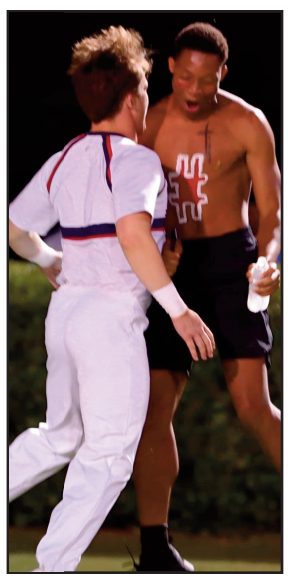




# What a great start!

## 2021 FALL


















Jamal Brooks carries the ball against the Southwest Bears at Summit during ICC's first game of the 2021 season.

# ICC loses to Southwest, Coahoma; picks up win against Co-Lin

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The ICC football season has started with a win over Co-Lin and Coahoma and two losses against Southwest and Coahoma, so far, and the Indians are scheduled to play a Homecoming matchup with Jones Thursday night.

**SOUTHWEST**

The Indians' comeback effort in their season opener came up short as they fell, 41-35, to Southwest, Sept. 4.

A slow start to the first half and two Southwest special teams touchdowns proved too much for the Indians to overcome.

Southwest's first special teams score came early in the second half on a 51-yard punt return to put the Indians down, 14-0. The Indians would then trail 24-0 later in the quarter before Jamal Brooks put the Tribe on the board to cut the lead to 24-7 at the break.

The Indians scored all 14 points in the third quarter, and RJ Wilson gave the Indians their first lead of the day (28-27) with a 12-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

Southwest immediately answered with a 95-yard touchdown return on the ensuing kickoff to regain the lead. However, Dylan Faulk capped a long drive with a nine-yard touchdown run with four minutes left in the contest.

A big 40-yard pass on the ensuing drive sealed the Bears' victory.

Wide receiver Shamar Sandgren led the Indians' offensive air attack with 13 catches for 117 yards and a touchdown.




Shamar Sandgren goes into the endzone for the score against Copiah-Lincoln at Eaton Field, Sept. 9.

**CO-LIN**

ICC picked up its first win of the season, Sept. 9, 30-3 over Copiah-Lincoln Community College behind a big second half and a strong defensive performance.

The Indian defense seemed to be in the Wolves backfield most of the night, and that pressure helped the Tribe grab two interceptions that led to a pair of scores. An Antonio Thompson interception late in the third quarter that led to a 24-yard field goal to give the Indians a 17-3 lead and a 27-yard pick six from Corley Hooper early in the fourth to extend the lead to 23-3. Hooper also led the Indians with 11 tackles.

While the defense was keeping the Wolves out of sync, the Indian offense put up 395 total yards highlighted by big performances from wide receiver Shamar Sandgren and Chris Howard.

Sandgren eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark for the second week in a row grabbing 10 catches for 120 yards and one touchdown, while Howard caught 11 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Dylan Faulk finished the contest 31-27 for 327 yards and two touchdowns while spreading the ball around to six different targets.

Late in the first half, the Indians broke the scoreless stalemate on an eight-yard strike from Faulk to Chris Howard.

Faulk's second touchdown came ona 31-yard pass to Sandgren in the third. The Indians final score came on a powerful one-yard run from Jamal Brooks with three minutes left on the clock.

**COAHOMA**

Itawamba Community College dropped a 22-20 decision to Coahoma Community College in the North Division opener Thursday night.

The Indians scored late in the fourth quarter on an 18-yard touchdown pass to RJ Wilson from Dylan Faulk to cut the Tigers' lead to two, 22-20, and opted to go for the two-point attempt. However, luck wasn't on the Tribe's side as the pass fell incomplete.

With 2:40 left in the game, the Indians had a chance at a final drive but were unable to move the ball down the field, coming up short on the fourth down, and giving the Tigers the 22-20 victory.

Shamar Sandgren continued to be a bright spot for the Indians as he picked up his third and fourth touchdowns this season as well as 118 yards on five receptions.

Freshman quarterback Hunter Jones saw his first snaps of the year and delivered the two touchdown strikes to Sandgren. The first was a six-yard and the second, a big 57-yard score, both of which came in the second quarter to give the Indians a 14-6 lead at halftime.

The Tigers took the lead for the final time, 15-14, on a four-yard touchdown run and extended the lead to 22-14 on a 20-yard interception returned for a touchdown early in the fourth.

Next week the Indians will step out of division play for the final time this season when they host No. 10 Jones for Homecoming Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

# ICC Indians earn conference honors

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## Faulk named Co-Offensive Player of the Week

ICC sophomore quarterback Dylan Faulk of Hernando was named Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference following his performance in the Indians' 30-3 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Sept. 9, in Fulton.



**Dylan Faulk**

Faulk was 31-37 passing for 327 yards and two touchdowns in the week two victory. His touchdown passes were an eight-yarder in the second quarter and a 31-yard strike in the third.

After the first two weeks, Faulk was third in the nation in both passing yards (698) and passing yards per game (344.5) and ranked second with a 76.5 completion percentage.

## Martin selected Conference Keeper of the Week

ICC sophomore Corbin Martin was named Keeper of the Week by the MACCC following his performance during a match with the then-ranked No. 6 Jones Bobcats.



**Corbin Martin**

He made seven saves and allowed only one goal.

At the time of his selection, the Amory native had made nine saves in 135 minutes played.




# *Fall Sports... Volleyball Men's and Women's Soccer*







## *Give me an I..C..C*

**ICC cheerleaders include Zoe Bigham, Tiffany Bishop, Harley Boone, Chance Brewer, McKenna Chisholm, Emily Clowers, Sydney Duggar, Sydney Elkin, Jed Fitts, Kage Heberling, Lindzie Hurd, John Bucy Long, Logan McBrayer, Jennah Medlin, Karsyn Owens, Jodi Parks, John Bryant Stanford and Macey Thomas.**

# Itawamba Community College Sports...

## ON THE SCHEDULE

### FOOTBALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9.30 | @Northeast | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10.7 | @MS Delta | 7 p.m. |
| 10.14 | Holmes | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10.21 | @Northwest | 7 p.m. |
| 10.28 | East Miss. | 6:30 p.m. |

### MEN'S SOCCER

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|---|---|---|
| 9.21 | @Northwest | 3 p.m. |
| 9.28 | @Andrew | TBA |
| 10.1 | Pearl River | 4 p.m. |
| 10.5 | @Meridian | 7 p.m. |
| 10.9 | @Southwest | 2 p.m. |
| 10.12 | Hinds | 3 p.m. |
| 10.15 | @East Central | 7 p.m. |
| 10.19 | @Holmes | 3 p.m. |
| 10.22 | Northwest | 3 p.m. |
| 10.29 | Andrew | 3 p.m. |

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

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|---|---|---|
| 9.21 | @Northwest | 1 p.m. |
| 10.1 | Pearl River | 1 p.m. |
| 10.5 | @Meridian | 5 p.m. |
| 10.9 | @Southwest | noon |
| 10.12 | Hinds | 1 p.m. |
| 10.15 | @East Central | 5 p.m. |
| 10.19 | @Holmes | 1 p.m. |
| 10.22 | Northwest | 1 p.m. |
| 10.26 | SW Tenn. | 5 p.m. |

### VOLLEYBALL

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|---|---|---|
| 9.22 | @Snead State | 5 p.m. |
| 9.24 | @Pearl River | 6 p.m. |

### FALL BASEBALL

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|---|---|---|
| 9.24 | Bevill-Fayette | 11 a.m. |
| 10.1 | @U of West AL | 10:30 a.m.<br>1 p.m. |
| 10.8 | Jones/Pearl Riv.<br>Smith Wills<br>Jackson | 1/4 p.m. |
| 10.22 | Dyersburg-<br>Jackson St.<br>Millington, Tenn. | 11 a.m.<br>2 p.m. |

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## FULTON CAMPUS

### Monday, September 20
Food Truck Cookout, Crane Pavilion, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
BSU Worship, Baptist Student Union, 7:07 p.m.
Laser Tag, Intramural Gym, 8-10 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 21
Relax with Juva, Fitness Center, 11:30 a.m.
First 20 students get a FREE drink.
Pet a Puppy, Crane Pavilion, 1-2 p.m.
Worship with Wesley, Wesley Foundation, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 22
The Voice of ICC, W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, September 23
Pep Rally, Crane Pavilion, 12:15 p.m.
Homecoming Game, ICC vs. Jones, Eaton Field, 6:30 p.m.

## TUPELO CAMPUS

### Monday, September 20
Breakfast, Academic and Student Center, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 21
Food Truck Cookout, Academic and Student Center, 11 a.m.-noon

### Wednesday, September 22
Meet Your Court, Pavilion, Noon
Pet a Puppy, Pavilion, 1-2 p.m.

## BELDEN CENTER

### Tuesday, September 21
Breakfast, Training Entrance Lobby, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 22
Cookout, Training Entrance Parking Lot
11 a.m.-Noon

## *Honoring the 2021 Homecoming Court*

**Bricelyn Morris**
***Queen***

**Haley Dean**
**Emma Cate Sparks**
**Grace Beck**
**Lexie Kent**
***Sophomore Maids***

**Emma Grace Allen**
**Zoe Bigham**
**Skylar Breland**
**Brooklyn O'Connor**
***Freshman Maids***

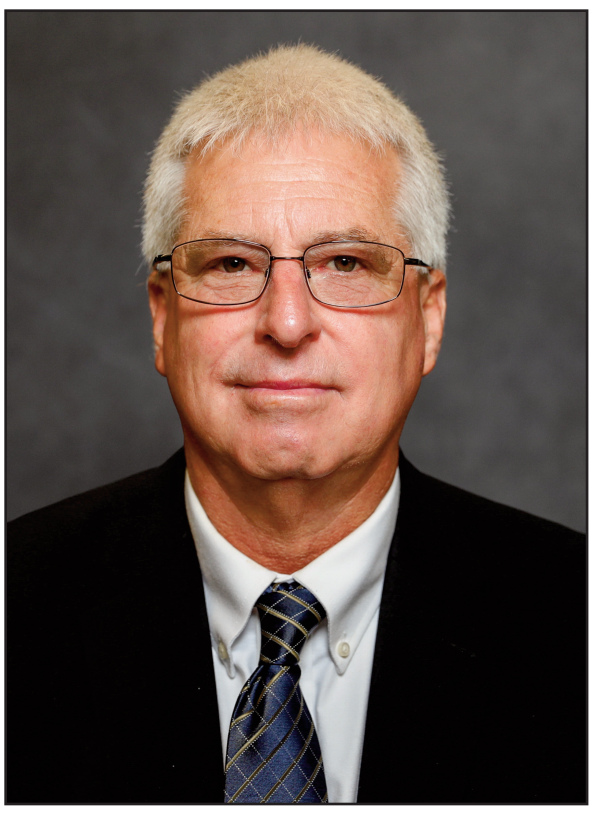
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*2021*



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